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(SUMMARY) WASHINGTON--WHEN PRESIDENT KENNEDY RECENTLY APPOINTED REPUBLICAN JOHN MCCONE TO HEAD THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, SPECULATION OVER ALLEN DULLES'S SUCCESSOR ENDED. AT FIRST SIGHT IT MAY SEEM SURPRISING THAT KENNEDY CHOSE A MAN WHO, ALTHOUGH A FIRST RATE BUSINESSMAN, HAS VIRTUALLY NO EXPERIENCE IN INTELLIGENCE WORK. HOWEVER HIS CAPACITY TO MAKE FRIENDS EVERYWHERE AND, WHAT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT, TO LOSE HIS TEMPER ONLY AT SUITABLE MOMENTS SEEMS TO QUALIFY HIM AS A MAN WHO MIGHT SUCCEED IN EXTRICATING THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE SERVICE FROM A DEAD-END STREET. HOWEVER MCCONE'S EXPERIENCE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION JUSTIFIES HIS APPOINTMENT.

DURING HIS WORK AS ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, MCCONE, WHO LAST FALL ACTIVELY SUPPORTED HIS PARTY FRIEND NIXON IN THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, WON MANY FRIENDS IN THE DEMOCRATIC CAMP. AND IT WAS THESE POLITICAL OPPONENTS WHO PAVED THE WAY FOR HIS APPOINTMENT TO ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AGENCIES IN THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION.

MCCONE, WHO ENTERED GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN 1947, WAS AIR FORCE UNDER SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION IN 1950 AND 1951 DURING THE KOREAN WAR. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION MCCONE MOVED INTO THE LIMELIGHT WHEN HE WON BROAD SUPPORT FOR HIS PLAN TO DISCONTINUE U.S. ATOMIC TESTING EVEN WITHOUT AN INTERNATIONAL TEST BAN AGREEMENT.

MCCONE DOES NOT STEP INTO AN EASY OFFICE. HE WILL BE EXPOSED TO CRITICISM FROM ALL SIDES. HIS PREDECESSOR, ALLEN DULLES, SUFFERED MUCH FROM INCREASINGLY VIOLENT CRITICISM AND REQUESTED PERMISSION TO RESIGN EVEN BEFORE THE FAILURE OF THE CUBAN INVASION THROUGH CIA'S FAULT. WHEN EISENHOWER MADE ALLEN DULLES CHIEF OF CIA IN 1953, HE WAS CONFRONTED WITH THE DIFFICULT TASK OF MAKING AMERICANS REALIZE THAT NATIONAL INTERESTS REQUIRED SECRET, UNLAWFUL, AND SOMETIMES EVEN IMMORAL ACTIONS IN PEACETIME.

WITH DULLES'S RESIGNATION, CIA WILL IN ALL PROBABILITY BE REORGANIZED. ABOVE ALL IT WILL NO LONGER BE IN CHARGE OF OPERATIONS OF THE SIZE AND SCOPE OF THE CUBAN INVASION. SHOULD THE UNITED STATES EVER AGAIN RISK A SIMILAR UNDERTAKING, THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT WILL BE IN CHARGE, BECAUSE THE PENTAGON NATURALLY HAS BETTER EXPERTS AND MORE EXPERIENCE IN OPERATIONS ON THIS SCALE. A DECISIVE REASON FOR CIA'S REORGANIZATION, HOWEVER, IS THE INTENTION TO SEPARATE THE AGENCY WHICH ACQUIRES AND EVALUATES INFORMATION AND PLANS SECRET OPERATIONS ON THE STRENGTH OF SUCH INFORMATION FROM THE AGENCY THAT CARRIES OUT SUCH OPERATIONS. THE CASE OF CUBA HAS SHOWN THAT THE PLANNERS HAD FAR TOO MUCH PERSONAL INTEREST IN THEIR PREPARATIONS TO MAINTAIN OBJECTIVITY IN THE IMPLEMENTATIONS STAGE.

THIS MCCONE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REST ON HIS PREDECESSOR'S LAURELS--SUCCESSSES SUCH AS THE ELIMINATION OF THE PROCOMMUNIST REGIME IN GUATEMALA IN 1954 AND THE U-2 FLIGHTS WHICH, DESPITE THE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS THEY CAUSED, WERE IMMENSELY USEFUL FROM AN INTELLIGENCE POINT OF VIEW. HE WILL, HOWEVER, HAVE TO GIVE ADDITIONAL PROOF OF HIS MUCH-RAISED ABILITY TO GET ALONG WELL WITH CONGRESS, BECAUSE IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT HE WILL LOSE ITS UNLIMITED STATUS, WHICH HAS BEEN QUITE EXCEPTIONAL IN AN AMERICAN AGENCY CONSTANTLY CONTROLLED BY CONGRESS. PRESUMABLY CIA WILL COME UNDER THE CONTROL OF A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE AFTER THE PATTERN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION.